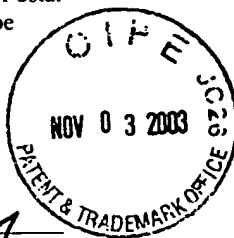


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CONSTRUCTION FOR A MODULAR
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219
October 29, 2003

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals from the final rejection dated August 13, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

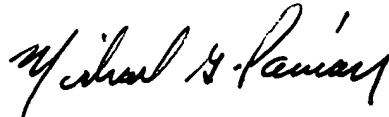
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A Notice of Appeal was previously filed on August 11, 2003 in response to a Final Rejection dated May 9, 2003. Applicant had filed a response to this final rejection on June 27, 2003, but since no further communications was received, Applicant filed the original Notice of Appeal. This Notice was timely filed, as August 9, 2003 was a Saturday. However, a new Office Action was mailed on August 13, 2003 and does not reference this prior Notice. As the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003 is the seventh Office Action for this application, this Notice is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191.

A check in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$320.00) was enclosed to cover the fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) on August 11, 2003. A photocopy of that check is enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that the fee be applied to the instant Notice due to the new grounds for rejection given by the Examiner. Should there be a deficiency in the required fee not covered by the enclosed check, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4553 the necessary amount.

Respectfully Submitted,



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